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On June 18, the Washington Evening Star attributed a statement to Mr. George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, in which Mr. Meany singled out for particular attack one of my amendments to the recently-passed labor reform bill. The amendment in question, which was not accepted by the Committee but which carried nevertheless, struck a provision from the proposed bill, which provision, in effect, would have allowed the National Labor Relations Board to hold a certification election without giving to the parties in question a hearing to determine whether a question of representation existed.

Mr. Meany asserted that my amendment was "a direct result of lobbying by reactionary groups seeking only to frustrate legitimate union activities." Nothing could be further from the truth. There was no lobbying whatsoever in connection with my amendment, and, in fact, I am convinced that few people were aware of the implications of this provision of the bill. Further, I believe the inclusion of this provision was an attempt to quietly and surreptitiously sneak through this change in the law without the Senate and the public being aware of this proposed abandonment of procedural due process. Actually, my amendment only retained the existing status of the law on this subject.

If providing a hearing to the parties concerned, prior to a certification election, is an attempt to "frustrate legitimate union activities," then Mr. Meany's definition of legitimate union activities must certainly differ substantially from my definition of that term, and that of the Senate.

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